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SUBJECT : PROPOSED CHANGE IN TEXT OF PEACE CORPS AGREEMENT

REF : PECTO A-5, SEPT 8, 1972

1) MINISTER OF STATE FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS HUSAIN AL- BAHARNA
ASKED TO SEE CHARGE MARCH 28 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED STANDARD
TEXT OF PEACE CORPS AGREEMENT. HE SAID BAHRAIN GOVT
ACCEPTS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE, BUT WOULD LIKE MODIFICATION
OF ARTICLE 2, AS FOLLOWS.

A) LINE 4 OF TEXT IN REFERENCE: CHANGE QUOTE TO
NATIONALS OF THE UNITED STATES RESIDING UNQUOTE TO QUOTE
TO FOREIGN NATIONALS RESIDING UNQUOTE.

B) LINE 5: END SENTENCE AFTER QUOTE IN BAHRAIN UNQUOTE.

C) LINES 5-8: OMIT REMAINDER OF ORIGINAL SENTENCE AND
REPLACE WITH FOLLOWING TWO SENTENCES: QUOTE THE VOLUNTEERS
SHALL GIVE DUE RESPECT TO THE LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF THE HOST
COUNTRY AND SHALL BE SUBJECT, IN ALL MATTERS AFFECTING THEM,
TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE NATIONAL COURTS. HOWEVER, THE
GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN SHALL INFORM AND CONSULT WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WITH
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RESPECT TO SUCH MATTERS CONCERNING THEM, PROVIDED THAT NO ACTION SHALL BE TAKEN BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH WOULD INTERFERE WITH THE NORMAL PROCESS OF THE LAW IN RELATION TO SUCH VOLUNTEERS. UNQUOTE.

2) BAHARNA EXPLAINED PROPOSED CHANGES WOULD BETTER SATISFY POTENTIAL BAHRAINI SENSITIVITIES ON FACTOR OF PRESTIGE. EMBASSY BELIEVES SUGGESTED CHANGES DO NOT ALTER BASIC POINTS WE WISH TO SAFEGUARD AND RECOMMENDS EARLY APPROVAL SO PLANNING OF NEW PROGRAM CAN GO FORWARD. MINISTER WAS TALKED OUT OF THOUGHT OF HAVING ARABIC AS WELL AS ENGLISH TEXT TO SPEED COMPLETION OF AGREEMENT.
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